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School Board to hold public hearing on high school building project

The School Board will hold a public hearing on construction options for the high school and Career Technical Center on Monday, July 20, 2015, at 7 p.m. These options include new construction or renovation. The School Board special meeting on Monday will be held in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center. The meeting agenda can be [viewed here](#).

The public hearing follows the Joint Building Committee's recommendation to the School Board to pursue new construction. The JBC considered several construction options, including renovation and some new construction, but voted July 7, 2015, to support new construction as the most feasible option.

Meetings this week:

School Board, July 20, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015, at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, July 22, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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City Hall hours:
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Recycling Center
hours:**

The JBC presented the details of this option to the School Board at its July 13, 2015 meeting. That meeting can be [viewed here](#). A second presentation was made to the City Council on July 15, 2015. That meeting can be [viewed here](#).

The July 20 public hearing will be followed by a School Board resolution on the project. If the School Board votes in favor of the resolution, it will be sent to the City Council for funding.

The Joint Building Committee will meet next on Tuesday, July 21.

More information about the high school and CTC building project, including the most recent cost estimates, can be found at the project's [online resource here](#).



John Huff/Foster's Daily Democrat

Experts offer free car seat safety checks July 25

Four out of five car seats are installed incorrectly. Could yours be one of them?

On Saturday, July 25, nationally certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to inspect your child's car seat installation and answer any questions that you have, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The safety checks will be held

Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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in the parking lot of OPTIONS, 65 Main St., Dover.

As a parent or caregiver, you should be confident that your child's seat is installed correctly. We would like to help YOU to be as comfortable as possible installing and using it correctly.

Appointments are preferred, but not required. Call 603-749-4441 to reserve a specific time with a technician. Expectant parents are also welcome.

Refreshments will be provided, and all services are offered at no charge.

You should bring:

- Your vehicle and its owner's manual
- Your car seat(s) and car seat manual
- Your child or children (to see how they fit their car seat)

These safety checks are presented by:

- Options, 65 Main Street, Dover, NH 603-749-4441
- Barrington Police Department, 774 Franklin Pierce Highway, Barrington, NH 603-664-7679
- Barrington Fire Department, 774 Franklin Pierce Highway, Barrington, NH 603-664-2241
- Dover Police Department, 46 Locust St., Dover NH 603-742-4646

Open Lands Committee to host Wildlife Walk July 29

The Dover Open Lands Committee will host a sunset walking tour of the Bellamy Wildlife Management Area on Wednesday, July 29, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This family friendly Wildlife Walk will feature University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension specialist Emma

Carcagno, who will share the secrets to creating a healthy home for the wildlife that live in this special place.

The group will gather at the Bellamy trailhead off of Garrison Road and start the tour promptly at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Families are welcome, but it is preferred that pets stay home for this event. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Please RSVP to City Planner Steve Bird at s.bird@dover.nh.gov or 603-516-6008. Registered attendees will be contacted in the event of a weather related cancellation. Event updates will be posted on the Dover Open Lands Committee Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DoverOpenLandsCommittee.

Directions to the Bellamy Wildlife Management Area:
From Route 108 (Durham Road), near Sawyer Mill Apartments in Dover, head south on Back River Road for approximately 1.6 miles. Turn left on Rabbit Road, right on Old Garrison Road, the left at the sign to the Wildlife Management Area.

The Dover Open Lands Committee consists of local volunteers and city staff who work with willing landowners to conserve Dover's important natural and cultural resources. These resources include drinking water supplies, farm and forest lands, critical fish and wildlife habitat, and the preservation of our community's character for current and future generations to enjoy.

For more information about the Open Lands Committee, call the Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or e-mail Steve Bird at s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

Rain Barrels: Help Your Garden, Help the Environment

By capturing rain water and using it later to water your plants you can reduce excess runoff in our streams and

rivers and help recycle the rain water through the ground.

Want to install a rain barrel but need more information?

SOAK Great Bay is hosting a rain barrel social in Dover's Berry Brook neighborhood on Saturday, July 25, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at 124 Grove St. During this event there will be a demonstration of rain barrel installation and an opportunity to ask questions. Information about other homeowner assistance projects from SOAK Great Bay will also be available.

One rain barrel will be given away free at 11:30 a.m. More barrels will be available at a 50 percent discount.

This project sponsored by the Great Bay Stewards and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

For more information contact Laura Byergo at laura.byergo@greatbaystewards.org.



Cochecho Arts Festival continues this week

The Cochecho Arts Festival is now under way. The annual festival comprises the Children's Series on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the Farmer's Market performances on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Shark in the Park concerts on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and the Headliner Series on Friday nights at 6 p.m. In addition, the Festival includes Shakespeare on the Hill on Sundays.

Upcoming performances are:

- Friday, July 17, 6 p.m., Grupo Fantasia, with the Stop Tito Collective (Sponsored by Access Sports Medicine), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;

- Tuesday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., Rick Goldin (Sponsored by Profile Bank), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Wednesday, July 22, 3:30 p.m., Hilton Park (Sponsored by Dupont's Service Center), Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.;
- Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m., The On Tap Band (Sponsored by 102.1 & 105.3 The Shark), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

The festival is organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, [click here](#).



City of Dover launches live streaming of Channel 22

Dover's governmental access television channel, Channel 22, is now available as a [live stream](#). The live stream allows anyone to view live programming from Channel 22 on a computer or a variety of [mobile devices](#). The live stream can be [accessed here](#) on the City's website. This page also includes a programming guide for the day.

In addition to live streaming, the City continues to offer on-demand viewing of programming from Channels 22 and 95. All of the City's on-demand content can be found on

the page above or by [clicking here](#).



Silver Street open to one-way traffic during construction

Silver Street (NH Route 9) will be a one-way street, inbound (easterly) only, from the intersection with Arch Street and Towle Avenue to the intersection with Central Avenue (NH Route 108). This pattern will be in effect at all times of the day, every day, through at least the end of September.

The suggested detour route for passenger cars from downtown will be via Washington Street to Arch Street. The intersection of Washington/Arch Streets will be converted to a three-way stop during this project in order to help safely process the extra traffic. The secondary detour (truck route) will be via Central Avenue to the Spaulding Turnpike.

For more information, visit the Silver Street Reconstruction Project page [here](#) or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Exit 5 northbound ramps closed for Spaulding Turnpike construction

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has closed the Exit 5 northbound ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike in Dover for several months. Portable concrete barriers will be used at Exit 5 to close off the existing on and off ramps. The Exit 5 ramps will reopen later this summer.

A northbound traffic shift will allow for the construction of the new northbound tie-in from the Little Bay Bridge to the existing northbound lanes north of Exit 5. The Exit 5 ramps will be reconstructed to match the new alignment.

Motorists needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park will be directed northbound to Exit 6W, and to a detour back to Boston Harbor Road and under the new Little Bay Bridge to get from the west side to the east side of the Turnpike. Southbound traffic needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park, will be able to use Exit 6S and proceed to the signals at US Route 4/Boston Harbor Road.

Detour signs will be erected to show the new traffic pattern. Fire, emergency vehicles and school buses will need to use the detour. Boaters wishing to launch at Hilton Park should also take notice of this planned ramp closure and detour.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and

seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



July 19, 1683 - Foul weather set in after something of a drought, and continued till the beginning of September, to the great damage and almost ruin of husbandry.



July 20, 1837 - Died, Deborah Coffin, the oldest person in town, having been baptized Sept. 17, 1738, She was born in the house on Central street which stood on the high bank which was dug away to make room for Varney's block, and in which her ancestors lived until the great earthquake in 1755 shook down the chimney. Her great grandfather was Peter Coffin, whose garrison stood on the spot where she was born, and whose house and mills were burnt when Major Waldron was killed by the Indians in 1689. It was a tradition of the family that when the Indians entered his garrison four of his hired men attempted to put them out, but the family prevented them believing they could trust the Indians. The Indians murdered the four hired men, but spared all the family. Her father had ten children, the eighth of whom was Deborah. She remembered that when she was young and the women went out to milk, a man went with them with a gun, for fear of the Indians. Much of the land on Washington street, granted originally to Peter Cffin, remained in the family until "Aunt Deborah's" death.



July 24, 1843 - At a town meeting held in the new Town Hall, the town voted to convey to the County of Strafford, the use of the Court Room with the necessary rooms for County Officers, Jury Rooms, etc., so long as the Court shall sit in Dover, upon the payment of \$3,000.



July 22, 1857 - Very heavy thunder showers - the lightning striking No. 5 Factory, prostrating several of the help, and setting fire to the waste in one of the rooms.



July 21, 1864 - Another call of the President for 500,000 men was made at this time. The quota of the State was 6,502, and of Dover 149, the credits to which the city was entitled reducing this number to about 110. At a special meeting of the Dover City Council held July 23, it was voted to pay the largest bounties for volunteers authorized by a recent act of the Legislature: \$100 for 1-year men, \$200 for 2-year men, and \$300 for 3-year men; and the Mayor was authorized to take immediate measures for carrying the vote into effect, and raising the necessary men.

Summer reading programs for all ages under way at the library

"Every Hero has a Story", a five-week reading program for children in grades K-6 (and a special preschool program, too), is now under way and will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 4. The program is designed to encourage children to make reading an important part of their summer activities.

Registration continues for the duration of the program. Dover Public Library card holders (including non-resident borrowers) are welcome to sign up for the program. Children must come to the library in person to register and receive their booklets or folders and a voucher for a FREE ticket to a Portland Seadogs baseball game.

Children will then return with their booklets or reading logs (after recording books/minutes read) to earn stickers and prizes.

Besides reading, many exciting things will be happening during the five weeks of the program. "Drop-in" story times will be conducted every Wednesday at 10 a.m.; the "Creation Station" in the Children's Room will have a supply of materials all day, every day for children to make a craft project to take home; LEGO Saturdays will be held all day on July 20, 27 and Aug. 1.

And, mark your calendars for the following special programs/presentations that are sure to make summer reading a heroic adventure:

- Monday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. -- "A Day in the Life of a Baseball Player" (Seacoast Mavericks baseball players and their mascot)
- Wednesday, July 22 at 3 p.m. -- Mario Kart Tournament (5th grade and up), registration required
- Thursday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. -- "In the Tracks of a Hero" Art Workshop (with artist Susan Schwake from Art Stream of Dover NH) Registration required

Children are invited to "Paws for Reading" with Murphy. Murphy, a certified therapy dog, and her handler, Karen, will be in the Children's Room on Saturday, July 18 from 10-11 a.m. Murphy loves a good story but needs someone to read it to her. If you are interested in helping Murphy and in practicing reading aloud, sign up ahead of time or drop by for a visit and a chance to read.

In addition to the above programs, the library's Monday Movies will feature free movies in the Lecture Hall every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

The schedule is as follows:

- Teen Beach Movie 2, July 20, rated PG
- Batman: Mask of the Phantasm, July 27, rated PG
- Home, August 3, rated PG

"Unmask" is the theme of the Teen Summer Reading Program which runs until Aug. 4. All participants may choose to read whatever they enjoy-novels, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, nonfiction. For every two hours of reading completed, participants will be given a raffle ticket-and will get to choose on which prize to bid. Some of the great prizes that will be offered throughout the five-week program-gift certificates to local business, Target gift certificates, day passes to The Works, Regal Cinemas gift cards, passes for Laser Tag at Funspot, a Kindle Fire HD7 and much more.

Middle school readers are eligible participate in both the

Children's Program and the Teen Program (finish one, begin another). Drop by the library's adult circulation desk to sign up for the Teen Program, visit online at <http://library.dover.nh.gov>, or call 516-6050 for more information. The first 100 participants will receive a coupon for a free small cheese pizza from Weeksie's Pizza and the first 50 participants will receive a free book.

A celebration for all readers enrolled in the summer program and their families will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. After grabbing a snack and a drink, find a place on the lawn and enjoy the music and antics of The Toe Jam Puppet Band sponsored by The Friends of Dover Public Library. The Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of hands-on entertainment that children and grown-ups can enjoy. The performances encourage kids and parents to sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just "plain old good fun".

Dover Public Library announces the 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program: Escape the Ordinary

"Escape the Ordinary" is the theme of Dover Public Library's 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program. Patrons are invited to try something new this summer - exploring heroes, superheroes, and other extraordinary people, places and events. Try a new genre, borrow a superhero DVD, honor local heroes, or take place in weekly trivia puzzles.

Registration is ongoing.

For more information, call the library at 603-516-6050, or check the library's [website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Pick up a brochure about the program at the library.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover
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Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dover Chamber kicks off new season of historic walking tours

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer guided walking tours of historic Dover on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. this summer. The tours will be held through September.



Tours will depart from the Chamber, 550 Central Ave., and will travel downtown. Attendees will learn about the rise and fall of Dover's textile industry, "Dover's Black Day" and famous visitors to Dover.

Dover is New Hampshire's oldest, continuous settlement.

Tours are \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of four or more, with a maximum of \$20. These tours last approximately 90 minutes. A water bottle and sneakers are recommended.

New this year is an architectural tour, and returning for its second year is a tour of Pine Hill cemetery. The architectural tour meets at the Locust Street parking lot for

St. Joseph's Church. The cost of this tour is also \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of four or more, with a maximum of \$20.

The Pine Hill Cemetery tour must be reserved in advance. The cost of the cemetery tour is \$10 and meets at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

For more information or to make reservations, call (603) 742-2218.

M U N I C I P A L M A T T E R S

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).
